

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
(Case No. 99,252-A)

In re Application of:

Mertens et al.

Serial No.: 09/998,889

Filed: November 1, 2001

For: Method and Apparatus for Removing a  
Liquid from a Surface

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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Group Art Unit: 1746

Examiner: Saeed T. Chaudry

**PETITION FOR ONE MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME**

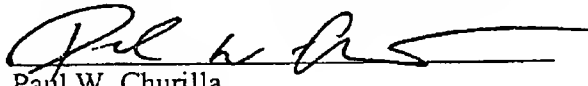
Applicants hereby petition for a one month extension of time to respond to the Office Action mailed April 24, 2003, thereby extending the period for response from July 24, 2003 until August 25, 2003. A check for the \$110 petition fee is enclosed herewith. Also, please charge any additional fees associated with this petition, or credit any overpayment to deposit account no. 13-2490.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Date: Aug 25, 2003

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